

## BUENOS AIRES, IGUAZU FALLS & COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO

The impressive Iguazú Falls, the peaceful Colonia del Sacramento of Uruguay and getting to know Buenos Aires with a day dedicated to Tango and a tour of some renown Buenos Aires cafes and shoppings.



9 days - 8 nights

- ✓ Accommodation and breakfast- Double Room
- ✓ Private Transfer IN OUT APT/HTL/APT
- ✓ Private and Regular Tours with Spanish & English Guide.

### Itinerary

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#### Buenos Aires – Iguazu

Reception at Ezeiza International Airport in Buenos Aires. Transfer to Domestic Airport (Buenos Aires). Reception and transfer from Iguazú Airport the hotel.

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#### Iguazú Falls & Big Adventure

Breakfast at the hotel. We will do one of the most interesting excursions through the hanging bridges, which will lead us to visit the stunning Falls from the Argentine side. Then we will get to the Devil's Gorge and be dazzled by its rough waters, a nature spectacles at a height of 80 meters. In the Lower Area (Circuito Inferior) we will enjoy the rich wildlife around us, as we go down the flight of steps where we can watch the spectacle offered by this water curtain surrounded by thick vegetation. We will pass by Álvar Núñez Fall, from where we will enjoy the first views of the Devil's Gorge. Following the path, we will find San Martín Island and the homonymous Fall. Finally, at the end of trip we will find Bosetti and Dos Hermanas Falls. We can stay and appreciate this spectacle of waters and get refreshed since the steam from the waves breaking on the rocks will spray us completely. We will continue our trip, this time in the Upper Area (Circuito Superior), where we will go around the same falls but from a different point of view of the Falls and their surroundings. Besides, we will get close to our next destination, the most stunning, which will guide us through the roaring of the water currents. We will get to the Devil's Gorge's station by train, and start our trip around the islands, and thus, have a wider view of this great nature "mistake" in the middle of the forest created, according to a legend, by the angry God of Iguazú River.

#### Big Adventure

This activity is an extra walk through the hanging bridges, and with this we will start our adventure in which we will sail up to the Canyon of Iguazú River. Then we will sail for about 2 km along the rapids enjoying a beautiful view from San Martín Island. We will go round the island up to the homonymous fall to enjoy a great deal and get sprayed from a close distance. We will get back on off-road vehicles through the thick forest surrounding the National Park.



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### **Iguazú Falls - Brazil - Buenos Aires**

Breakfast at the hotel. Here we will have a very beautiful trip through the only hanging bridge of 1 km to enjoy the view of Iguazú Falls from the other side, the Brazilian region. During this trip we can also learn more about the fauna and flora, enjoy a unique landscape of the falls since the area is more open regarding falls because most of them are on the Argentine side and form a water curtain of 2,700 meters wide. So from this side we will be dazzled by the beauty of the Devil's Gorge to the full. Besides, this place is home to rare wildlife species, some of them in danger of extinction such as giant otters, anteaters, jaguars, red deer and yellow alligators. We will also see native flowers such as orchids, bromelias and thousands of butterflies. Transfer to Iguazú Airport. Reception at Domestic Airport in Buenos Aires.

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### **Private tour of the city of Buenos Aires**

Breakfast in the hotel. Like many cities, Buenos Aires is split into areas (barrios) that commonly have distinctive features. We begin our tour visiting some of the most classic of these barrios where we will discover some splendid architecture that ranges from the old colonial structures such as the Cabildo, the ostentatious French style palaces and buildings mostly related to the very prosperous early twentieth century, art deco and the modern skyscrapers of the business micro centre and Puerto Madero, the renovated dock area. We go to some of its principal noteworthy sites such as the spectacular, recently renovated, Colón Opera Theatre, the most recognized monument, the Obelisk, the Plaza de Mayo, known especially for its silent protests against the military government and its surrounding buildings such as the Cabildo, the foundation of Buenos Aires, the Metropolitan Cathedral where lies the mausoleum of Don José de San Martín, the 'father' of the Republic, and, of course, the Presidential House, the Casa Rosada.

We discover barrios such as San Telmo, the Antique centre, which was inhabited by the first aristocracy until there was a general movement to Barrio Norte (Recoleta) due to the yellow fever outbreak at the end of the nineteenth century. We visit La Boca, the home of the famous football team, and one of the most picturesque barrios due to its colourful houses and its working class Italian immigrant influences. It is also known for its tango and art and here we take a walk down the artisans' passage and to its gallery as well as a walk to the Port. This is followed by a visit to Puerto Madero, the renovated dockland site, with the new part with its excellent offices and apartments securely separated from the city by bridges. Going further north we reach the very popular parks of Palermo known for their traditional monuments such as the Planetarium, Galileo Galilei and the Magna Carta.

We also visit the elite residential barrio of the City, Recoleta, where we also find the Museum of Fine Arts, the picturesque colonial church of Nuestra Señora del Pilar and the famous cemetery where Eva Peron was buried. These are situated close to the Plaza Francia where every Sunday there are popular artisanal stalls and people take advantage of sunny days relaxing in the beautiful plazas with their incredible trees. In Palermo Chico, a very exclusive residential zone, we can see luxury French style palaces and enjoy the parks designed by the French landscaper, Thays, that have a style different to the rest.

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### **Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay**

Breakfast in the hotel. We go to the boat terminal to board and commence our journey to Colonia del Sacramento in the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, found on the Cape between the San Pedro and Santa Rita Points and characterised by its cobbled streets and its peaceful colonial ambience. We start by visiting the sandy coastal front where we can see the Colonia Bay and its Islands. Later we go to the Real de San Carlos and the old Plaza de Toros. Following the designed route we go by the port and the town centre until we arrive at the historic barrio where in its 120,000 square metres there are mixed different styles of architecture such as Portuguese, Spanish and



post colonial. This area was declared a Historic Patrimony of the Humanity site by UNESCO. Other places of interest are the house of the Virrey, the Azulejo Museum, the Spanish Museum, the Matriz Church, the Regional Archive, the Iso Suspiros Street, la Plaza Mayor and the house of Eva Peron. The original city plans were Portuguese and do not coincide with with the standard plans determined by Spanish Law in relation to 'las Indias Occidentales'. In the afternoon we return to the port of Colonia and Buenos Aires.



### **Shopping tour of the best malls of Buenos Aires**

Breakfast in the hotel. We take a trip to the best shopping centres of Buenos Aires: Unicenter, Patio Bullrich and the beautiful Galerías Pacífico. We begin by visiting Unicenter, the largest shopping centre of Buenos Aires, that is in the northern zone of Martinez. After, we visit some of the most outstanding shops of the city in the privileged zone of Recoleta where there is the Patio Bullrich. Finally in the second stage of our tour we visit Galerías Pacífico which is in the micro centre between the Avenida Córdoba and the main shopping street of Florida. We then return to the hotel.



### **Buenos Aires Coffee**

Breakfast in the hotel. The local town idiosyncrasy defines itself in the friendship cult that is shown by the locals. The meetings of friends are commonly organised in the classical coffee ´s and this is part of the distinctive coffee society that historically was the usual place to see the artists and intellectuals. In 1998, the City Mayor promoted a law with the object of protecting and promoting the 'Cafés Notables de Buenos Aires'. We discover four classical meeting points of the local town life. We start in the centre of the city, close to the Plaza de Mayo, in La Puerto Rico, a place that frequented many writers such as Paul Groussac, Arturo Capdevila, and Raphael Obligado.

In La Puerto Rico they filmed some of the scenes from 'Las Cosas del querer II'. After, we go to London City, a cafe where Julio Cortázar was to be commonly found. We carry on our tour of cafes until the barrio of San Telmo where we find the Bar Dorrego on the streets Defensa and Humberto Primo. We can enjoy the colonial feel of this classical, picturesque and old barrio of the city of Buenos Aires. We finish our tour in the barrio of Almagro. On the corner of the Avenidas Rivadavia and Medrano is an historical and refined tea house, Las Violetas, which dates from 1884. The writers Roberto Arlt and Alfonsina Storni were patrons of the fine tables of this establishment. A detail that shows the luxury of other times is the 80 square metres of stained glass windows.



### **Day of Tango followed by Dinner Tango Show**

Breakfast in the hotel. We take a program dedicated to the understanding of the Tango and its slum origins. We begin in the old immigrant suburbs of Buenos Aires, La Boca, by visiting a classic tenement house where the Tango started and converted into popular dance and urban music. The tenement blocks were old rectangular houses which were overcrowded with immigrants of different nationalities that had one thing in common: being poor. We follow this by a visit back to the City, to the Avenida Corrientes, the Broadway of Buenos Aires, where many of the theatre works are related to Tango, and to the Palais de Grace where the aristocracy started in the Tango. These were the ones who introduced the dance into Europe.

We finish in the zone of Abasto in the house lived in by the famous Tango singer, Carlos Gardel. In the afternoon we have the third Tango class and for the new learners they can then begin to take private lessons. For the experienced, all of the classes are private. In the evening we enjoy a dinner and Tango show at one of the best venues of Buenos Aires ( Homero Manzi / Complejo Tango / Señor Tango / La Esquina de Carlos Gardel / Madero Tango). The Tango has a special charm outside of its origin: From New York to Sydney, people that have never visited Argentina are left seduced by its mystique and sensuality. Others stay captivated by the music. This original



tour traces in parallel the history of the city and that of the tango journeying by its different stages of development from its birth in the slums, to its consummation in the Avenida Corrientes and its later internationalization.



#### **Buenos Aires**

Breakfast at the Hotel. Transfer to Ezeiza International Airport in Buenos Aires.